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Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent Lowell Public Schools 155 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01852

Re: Outdoor Adventures Club

Dear Dr. Boyd:

I am writing to request permission for the Outdoor Adventures Club to participate in an overnight camping and hiking excursion supported by the Appalachian Mountain Club's Youth Opportunity Program. 20 club members, along with 3 adult chaperones (all employees of the Lowell Public Schools); will travel to Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover, Massachusetts on the weekend of October 25th.

Proposed itinerary:

Friday, October 25

3pm Leave Lowell

3:30am- Arrive at Harold Parker State Forest

3:45am- Group Games / Intro to Site

4:45- Setting Up Tents

6:00pm - Dinner

7:30- Half of group makes S'mores/ Other half on Night Hike

8:30- Flip/Flop Groups

9:30- Campfire stories

Saturday, October 26

7:00- Wake-Up-Get ready for day

7:30- Breakfast

8:30- Take Down Camp

11:00- Head for Lowell

11:30- Arrive back at Lowell

We will miss no school, and the only cost to students is transportation and food. The club will schedule a school bus, total cost is \$460.00 which will be paid for by the students (\$20/person) and subsidized by the club's funds. The AMC will provide us with tents, daypacks, sleeping bags, and all other needed outdoor equipment. There is <u>NO</u> cost to the district.

We feel this is a great opportunity for our students to learn outdoor skills, engage with nature, and develop leadership skills, as well as make connections to other teens from the Lawrence program. There is no cost to the school or district. Thank you for your consideration

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Marianne E'. Busteed

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